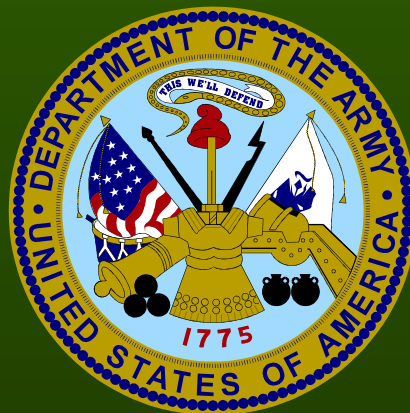


INHALANTS



WHAT ARE INHALANTS?

- ***Inhalants are breathable chemical vapors that produce mind altering effects.***
- ***Inhalants are often abused because they are readily available, inexpensive, and can be found almost anywhere.***
- ***There are three different types of inhalants:***
 - ***Solvents***
 - ***Gases***
 - ***Nitrites***



STREET NAMES

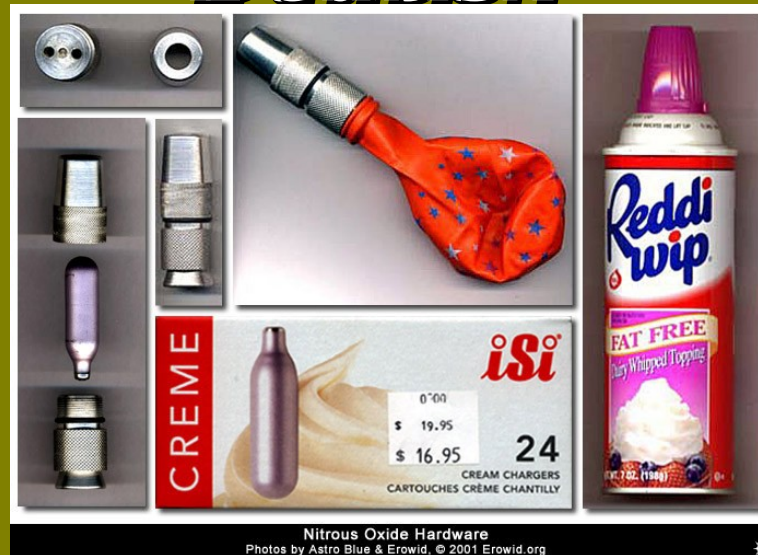
 **Rush
Tanks**

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 **Cartridge**

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Pan
Breeze**

 **Whippet
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 **Bopper**

HOW ARE INHALANTS INGESTED?

¥ ***Inhalants are ingested into the body by breathing in the vapors of the product. Several methods of inhalation are used by abusers:***



Use of a bag - The bag is filled with the vapors and the user breathes air from the bag. Sometimes users will put their entire head into the bag.

Use of a rag - The rag is soaked in the product and the user presses the rag over his/her mouth and nose.

➤ ***Pressurized Containers - Some abusers will inhale the product directly from the container.***

LONG TERM SIDE EFFECTS

***Memory**

Loss

▢ **Emotional**

Instability

▢ **Slurred**

Speech

▢ **Hearing**

Loss

▢ **Body**

Tremors

▢ **Loss of**

Coordination

▢ **Sight**

Disorders



▢ **Loss of Sense of
Smell**

▢ **Liver**

Damage

▢ **Kidney**

Damage

▢ **Bone Marrow**

Damage

▢ **Paralysis**

▢ **Brain**

Damage

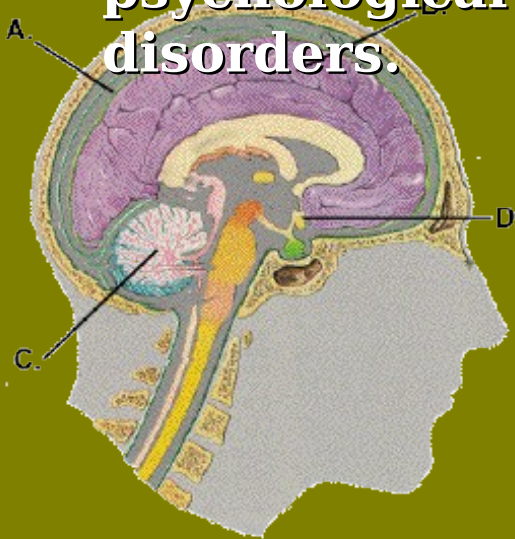
▢ **Sudden Sniffing**

Death

BRAIN DAMAGE

Inhalants can cause serious damage to the brain.

A. **Brain** - Inhalant abuse causes a variety of serious sensory and psychological disorders.



B. **Cerebral Cortex** - Inhalant abuse causes personality changes, memory loss, hallucinations, and learning disabilities.

C. **Cerebellum** - Inhalant abuse causes loss of coordination, slurred speech, chronic tremors, and uncontrollable shaking.

D. **Ophthalmic Nerve** - Inhalant abuse can cause serious sight disorders.

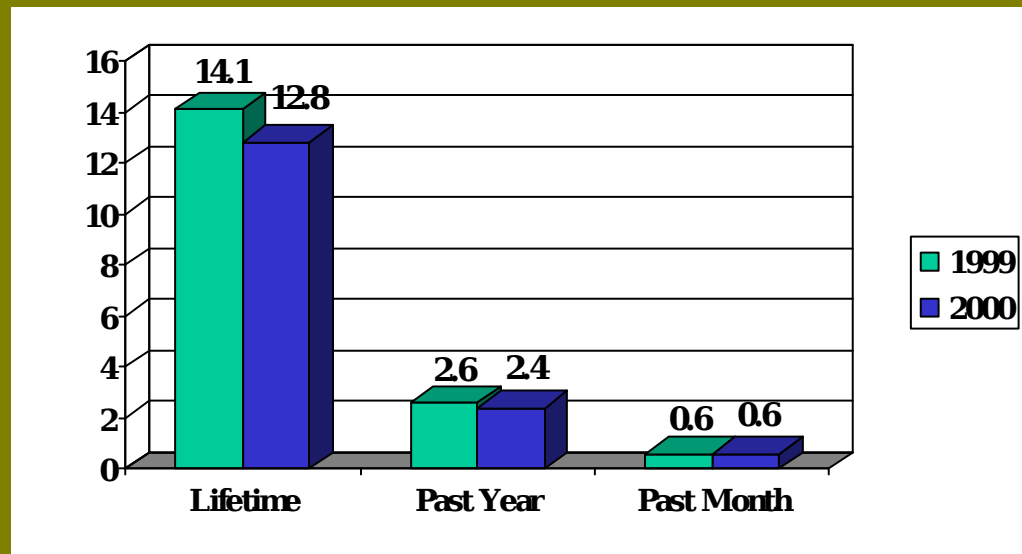
PRODUCTS ABUSED

- ▣ Rubber Cement
- ▣ Household Glue
- ▣ Spray Paint
- ▣ Hair Spray
- ▣ Fabric Protector
- ▣ Spot Remover
- ▣ Chloroform
- ▣ Paint Thinner
- ▣ White - Out
- ▣ Degreaser
- ▣ Whippets
- ▣ Toxic Markers
- ▣ Lighter Fluid
- ▣ Gasoline/Propane
- ▣ Octane Booster
- ▣ Nitrous Oxide
- ▣ Room Odorizers
- ▣ Helium



INHALANT USE IN THE UNITED STATES

***Percentages Reporting Lifetime, Past Year,
and Past Month Use of Inhalants
Among Persons Aged 18 to 25:***



***1999-2000 National Household Survey on Drug
Abuse***

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- ***<http://www.inhalants.org>***
- ***<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/concern/inhalants.htm>***
- ***<http://www.dancesafe.org/nitrousoxide.html>***
- ***<http://www.health.org>***
- ***<http://www.teenchallenge.com/main/drugs/inhalant.htm>***
- ***<http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/inh>***



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